

## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

**AMENDMENT DATE:** June 16, 2010  
**POSITION:** Neutral  
**SPONSOR:** California Commission on Aging; Congress of  
California Seniors; and County Welfare  
Directors Association of California

**BILL NUMBER:** AB 2435  
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### **BILL SUMMARY: Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse**

This bill would require licensed professionals to complete additional elder and dependent adult abuse and neglect coursework under specified circumstances.

### **FISCAL SUMMARY**

The Board of Psychology and the Board of Behavioral Sciences both indicate that the provisions of this bill would result in minor and absorbable costs to their operations.

### **SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

Amendments to this bill since our analysis of the original version are minor and do not alter our position.

### **COMMENTS**

Existing law provides for the licensing and regulation of Marriage and Family Therapists, Psychologists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, and Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors, and establishes specified coursework requirements, including child abuse assessment and reporting, aging, and long-term care.

Specifically, this bill would:

- Require, after January 1, 2012, specified professions applying for licensure and re-licensure, to complete coursework related to elder and dependent adult abuse and neglect assessment and reporting as well as associated treatment.
- Encourage, during the interim, the Board of Psychology and Board of Behavioral Sciences to require training and experience related to elder and dependent abuse assessment and reporting in the licensure requirements for specified professions.

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	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
Code/Department	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
Agency or Revenue	CO	PROP							Fund
Type	RV	98	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	Code
1110/ConAfr-ReqBd	SO	No	-----	No/Minor	Fiscal Impact	-----			0310
1110/ConAfr-ReqBd	SO	No	-----	No/Minor	Fiscal Impact	-----			0773
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>								
0310	Psychology Fund								
0773	Behavioral Science Examiners Fund								